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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 03-036**  
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Steve Panagoulis  
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Subject: Rumney - Public Water System: Steve's Restaurant of Rumney (EPA #2038050)

Dear Mr. Panagoulis

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Steve's Restaurant of Rumney water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Admin Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit bacteria samples and as a result Monitoring/Reporting (M/R) violations were issued for the following months:

**December 2001 and March 2003**

In view of the Monitoring/Reporting violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected by taking the following actions:

**By May 16, 2003**, submit a water sample for bacteria analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

In the future, submit routine water samples for bacteria analysis during the water system's scheduled sampling months of **March, June, September and December**.

Pursuant to NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 306, PWSs are subject to periodic inspections or sanitary surveys by DES staff. The purpose of the sanitary survey is to determine the water system's compliance with RSA 485 and applicable rules relative to federal and state drinking water standards. On May 1, 1997, personnel from DES conducted a sanitary survey of the Water System. The May 16, 1997, Sanitary Survey Report documented the following water system significant deficiencies:

**Sampling Taps**

The present piping configuration at the pumphouse makes it impossible to determine the water quality for each source or after each treatment process. New Hampshire design standards

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require that all sources be capable of being sampled individually. Only in this way is it possible to monitor the water supply completely and to isolate pollution sources when necessary. A sampling tap for each source and treatment process must be installed. The treatment tap should be located after the treatment facilities and the source sampling taps should be located on each well waterline prior to its entry to the first on-line storage tank. They should be located at least 12 inches above the pumphouse floor.

NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 306 requires significant deficiencies identified in a sanitary survey to be corrected within 90 days of the date of the inspection. To date, DES has not received any correspondence indicating that the sampling tap deficiencies have been corrected.

DES believes the sampling tap deficiencies can be corrected by taking the following action:

**By May 23, 2003**, install a sampling tap for the source and each treatment process. The source sampling tap should be located on the well waterline prior to its entry to the first on-line storage tank. The treatment tap(s) should be located after each treatment process. All taps should be located at least 12 inches above the pumphouse floor.

2. **By May 30, 2003**, provide DES with documentation that the required sampling taps have been installed.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854 or by e-mail at [aleach@des.state.nh.us](mailto:aleach@des.state.nh.us) if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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